

Chester Thompson

Chester W. Thompson, 78, retired Groton-Putney area farmer, died Sunday, May 27, at St. Luke's Hospital in Aberdeen.

Services were held Wednesday, May 30, at the United Methodist Church in Groton with the Rev. John Maines officiating.

Mrs. Kenneth Alberts was the organist and Manley Green, soloist, sang "Beyond the Sunset" and "How Great Thou Art".

Honorary casket bearers were Frank Jensen, Robert Oliver, Harry Pharis Sr., Foster Rix, Melvin Smith and Alfred Sultz. Active casket bearers were grandsons Bradley Peckham, Lane Peckham, Scott Sultz, Lee Thompson, Lon Thompson, Terry Thompson and Gary Thurston.

Burial was in Sunset Memorial Gardens in Aberdeen. The Paetz-nick-Garness Funeral Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Thompson was born Sept. 18, 1900, at Groton. He grew up here and married Florence Waggoner Sept. 7, 1921, at Aberdeen. He served on the Putney Township Board and the Putney Farmers Elevator board for many years. He farmed in the Putney-Groton area all of his life.

Survivors include his widow, two sons, Ivan and Darwin, both of Groton; three daughters, Mrs. Norman (Audrey) Thurston, of Putney; Mrs. David (Shirley) Sultz, of Groton; and Mrs. Rex (Sondra) Peckham, of Buckley, Wash.; one brother, LaRoy, of Auburn, Calif.; one sister, Mrs. Myrtle Stockwell, of California; 17 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three sisters and one brother.